

## **Second Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners October 2013**

The Irish Prison Service Statistics Unit has commenced the collation of quarterly Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners. The first Census was conducted in July this year. The second Census was recently carried out on 1 October 2013.

The result of the October Census shows that there has been an appreciable decrease in the total number of prisoners on a restricted regime since July. Figures show that there has been a reduction from **339 (July)** to **263**, a decrease of 76 prisoners or **22.4%**. The figures of those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (**Rule 63**) was **229**, (of which **213** were there of their own request). This represents a reduction of **55** on the July figure (284) or almost **20%**

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour lock up** was **135 (23hr – 65, 22hr 70)**. This represents a decrease of **76** on the July figure of 211 (or a **36%** reduction).

### **Key Statistics**

- 263 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 229 (5.3% of prison population 4,086) prisoners on protection (Rule 63), of which 213 were there of their own request.
- 7 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62)
- 19 prisoners restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).

The restriction of a prisoner's regime can occur due to a number of factors including, the protection of vulnerable prisoners. This is provided for under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007. A prisoner may, either at his/her own request or when the Governor considers it necessary, in so far as is practicable and subject to the maintenance and good order and safe and secure custody, be kept separate from other prisoners who are reasonably likely to cause significant harm to him/her.

The fact that prisoners seeking protection are immediately separated from the general population or from specific prisoners identified as presenting a threat, clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Prison Service to ensure their safety and security. The status of each prisoner on restricted regime within the prison system is regularly reviewed. If possible, prisoners can be transferred to other institutions where a restricted regime would not be necessary.

In addition, the Governor may decide, for the maintenance of good order in the prison, to remove a prisoner from general association or structured activity to reduce the negative effect that a prisoner or prisoners may have on the general population. This is provided for under Rule 62 of the Prison Rules 2007. There may

also be a smaller number of prisoners who would be restricted for medical (Rule 64) or discipline reasons (Rule 67).

In July this year, the Director General of the Irish Prison Service established a high level group to look at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes with a view to ensuring that all receive, as a minimum standard, out of cell time of 3 hours per day, to engage in exercise or activity.

**Table 1. Out of Cell time**

Prison	Total	No. On 23Hr	No. On 22hr	No. On 21hr	No. On 20hr	No. On 19hr
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	22	22	0	0	0	0
Cork	25	0	5	4	0	16
Limerick	49	0	3	0	0	46
Midlands	6	6	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	44	0	43	1	0	0
Portlaoise	21	19	0	2	0	0
St Pats	16	0	16	0	0	0
Wheatfield	80	18	3	54	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>

**Table 2. Reason for Restriction**

Prison	total	Rule 62	Rule 63 V	Rule 63 IV	Rule 64	Rule 67	Other
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	22	0	18	4	0	0	0
Cork	25	0	21	0	0	0	4
Limerick	49	0	45	0	0	0	4
Midlands	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	44	6	38	0	0	0	0
Portlaoise	19	0	0	3	0	18	0
St Pats	16	0	15	1	0	0	0
Wheatfield	80	1	70	8	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>

**Table 3. 22/23 hour lock up**

Prison	July	October	Difference
Arbour Hill	4	0	-4
Castlerea	0	0	0
Cloverhill	19	22	+3
Cork	10	5	-5
Limerick	6	3	-3
Midlands	10	6	-4
Mountjoy (M)	46	43	-3
Portlaoise	24	19	-5
St Pats	17	16	-1
Wheatfield	79	21	-58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-76</b>

**Table 4. 22 & 23 Hour lock up reason**

	Rule 63	Rule 62	Rule 67	Total
22 Hour Lock	63	7	0	70
23 Hour Lock	46	0	19	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>135</b>

**Table 5. Restricted Regime comparison July – Oct**

Prison	23 Hour		22 Hour		21 Hour		20 Hour		19 Hour		Total	
	Jul	Oct	Jul	Oct	Jul	Oct	Jul	Oct	Jul	Oct	Jul	Oct
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	19	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	22
Cork	9	0	1	5	6	4	0	0	0	16	16	25
Limerick	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	40	46	46	49
Midlands	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6
Mountjoy (M)	46	0	0	43	49	1	0	0	18	0	113	44
Portlaoise	20	21	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	26	19
St Pats	17	0	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	19	16
Wheatfield	23	18	56	3	2	54	0	0	5	5	86	80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>263</b>